

REMARKS

A Response to the Final Office Action mailed November 9, 2005 was filed on November 9, 2005. An Advisory Action was mailed December 8, 2005. This Preliminary Amendment is further in response to the Final Office Action, and is submitted for filing with an RCE being filed concurrently herewith to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 4, 6, 8, 14, and 17 are amended and new claims 24-27 are presented.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-11, 13-14, 16-17, 19, and 20-27 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested.

Statement On Substance Of Interview

An in-person interview between the Applicants' representative and the Examiner was conducted on January 11, 2006. Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to conduct the in-person interview.

The substance of the interview included discussion of features of the present invention that patentably distinguish over the cited art. The Examiner also suggested amending claims to clarify the feature of the "data perturbation object."

Claim Amendments

Claims 4, 6, 8, and 14 are amended herein to clarify features of "data perpetuation object" according to an aspect of the present invention, as suggested by the Examiner. Support for the amendments is found for example in FIG. 17 and pages 22-24 of the specification discussing embodiment 4 of the present invention.

Claim 17 is amended to clarify an embodiment for the present application that recites a storage storing a program for controlling a computer to execute "as an object to be operated singly, collaborating a plurality of information processors based on different architectures." Support for the amendment is found for example on pages 9-21 of the specification discussing embodiments 1-3 of the present invention.

No new matter is presented in any of the foregoing and, accordingly, approval and entry of the amended claims are respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claims 24-27 are presented to recite features, according to an aspect of the present invention, in a different fashion. New claims 24-27 recite an information processing system including "collaboration information storage that stores collaboration information on a

communication method between the information processors; and a data perpetuation object apparatus that refers to the stored collaboration information and performs a unified management of the data managed by the information processors. present no new matter and are provided to afford a varying scope of protection." (See, for example, pages 22-24)

These and other features of claims 24-27 patentably distinguish over the previously cited art.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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